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In the Office Action under reply, the Examiner has withdrawn all rejections made in the prior Office Action; but has maintained an objection based on restricting R<sup>1</sup> to the oxazolylic heterocycles. Although it is Applicants' position that continuance of such restriction requirement is contrary to law and Patent Office procedure, in a sincere effort to advance the prosecution of the present case, Applicants have now amended claim 1 to restrict the genus at R<sup>1</sup> as required by the Examiner. Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled as directed to restricted or redundant subject matter. The pending claims as amended are therefore now believed to be in condition for allowance.

#### CONCLUSION

Withdrawal of the outstanding objection and allowance of claims 1, 5-63, 65-67, 69-72 and 74 as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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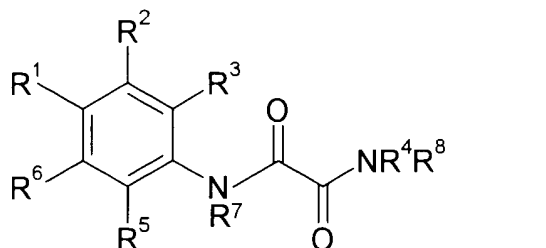
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VERSION MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1.(Amended) A compound of the formula



wherein

R<sup>1</sup> represents an ~~oxazolyl~~five-membered heterocycle with one to three heteroatoms selected from ~~nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur~~;

R<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen, unsubstituted lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halo, hydroxy or cyano;

R<sup>3</sup> represents hydrogen, unsubstituted lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halo, or cyano;

R<sup>4</sup> represents hydrogen, or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

R<sup>5</sup> represents hydrogen, unsubstituted lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halo, or cyano;

R<sup>6</sup> represents hydrogen, unsubstituted lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halo, or cyano;

R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen, or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower cycloalkyl, aryl, or heterocyclyl;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled.

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